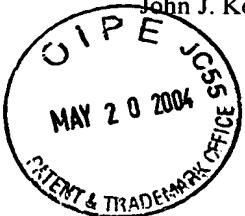


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : T. TAKEUCHI et al.  
Serial No. : 10/031,317  
Filed : January 16, 2002  
For : CERAMIC PLATE FOR SIDE WEIR OF TWIN DRUM TYPE CONTINUOUS CASTING APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on February 19, 2004 was set. The extended period expires effectively on May 19, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$530.00) for a three (3) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time with a fee of \$420.00 has been previously filed. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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